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The first number details the plans for purchase of a new club house at 47 West 76th Street and announces a series of symposia on the technique of exploration to be held during the winter. Notes on current exploration will be an important feature of the *Journal*.

#### OBITUARY

William Speirs Bruce, the distinguished Polar explorer and naturalist, died in Edinburgh on October 29, 1921, at the age of 54 years. Dr. Bruce began his career of Polar exploration as naturalist to the Scottish Antarctic expedition of 1892-1893. He acted as zoölogist to the Jackson-Harmsworth expedition to the Arctic, 1896-1897, and as naturalist to Major Andrew Coats's expedition to Novaya Zemlya and the Barents Sea in 1898. He was leader of the *Scotia* (Scottish National Antarctic) expedition of 1902-1904 and editor of the reports of the scientific results, several volumes of which have appeared. As an explorer Dr. Bruce's name is also particularly associated with the Spitsbergen archipelago to which he made a number of journeys, the first as naturalist to the Prince of Monaco's expedition of 1898-1899, the last in 1920. As founder and director of the Edinburgh Oceanographical Laboratory Dr. Bruce has carried on in worthy fashion Edinburgh's traditional interest in modern oceanography. In 1920 he was awarded the David Livingstone Centenary Medal of the American Geographical Society, an account of the presentation of which appeared in the July, 1921, number of the *Geographical Review*.

Manuel Vicente Ballivián, the eminent Bolivian publicist and geographer, died in La Paz on August 7, 1920, at the age of 73. The greater part of his life had been spent in service of the state, first in the Bolivian Legation at Paris, then acting successively as commissioner of the territories of northeastern Bolivia—where he carried out a series of arduous explorations—, as head of the Department of Immigration and Statistics, and as minister of Colonization and Agriculture, in all of which capacities he constantly labored to promote the geographical and economic knowledge of his country. It was in recognition of his notable accomplishments in this field that he was awarded the David Livingstone Centenary Medal of the American Geographical Society in 1917. Señor Ballivián was president of the Geographical Society of La Paz and author and editor of numerous works on Bolivian history and geography.